



City of Tucson
Charter Review Committee
Legal Action Report

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 2015
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room (1st Floor)
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda
Tucson, Arizona

1. **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair Nye. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Kasey C. Nye
Stephanie Healy
Diana Rhoades
Lenny Porges
Bonnie Poulos
Tannya R. Gaxiola
Randi Dorman
John Hinderaker
Mark Crum

Appointer:

Mayor
Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 3
Ward 5
Ward 6
Ward 6

Members Absent

Richard Miranda
Edna Meza-Aguirre
Tom Prezelski
John A. Springer
Moon Joe Yee
D. Grady Scott

City Manager's Office
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 4
Ward 4
Ward 5

Staff Present:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk
Mike Rankin
Deborah Rainone
Stephanie Montoya
Theo Fedele
Alma Armendariz-Murrieta
Raphé Sonenshein

Representing:

City Clerk
City Attorney
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
Facilitator

2. **Approval of Legal Action Report and Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Crum, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Richard Miranda, Edna Meza-Aguirre, Tom Prezelski, John A. Springer, Moon Joe Yee, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused) to approve the legal action report and minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting.

3. **Summary by Chair of Committee's Prior Actions**

Information and handout was provided by Chair Nye.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

4. **Call to the Audience**

The following individuals spoke at the Call to the Audience:

Evan Eglin, Garry Brav, Sarah Smallhouse, Bruce Dusenberry, Jeff Hunt, and Mike Varney.

It was moved by Ms. Dorman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Richard Miranda, Edna Meza-Aguirre, Tom Prezelski, John A. Springer, Moon Joe Yee, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused) to extend the time set aside for call to the audience.

5. **Committee Deliberation and Discussion of Goals**

Introductory comments were provided by Chair Nye.

Discussion ensued regarding the committee's goals:

- The Charter structure City Government to provide a sense of trust in City Government and City Leaders.
- The Charter structure City Government to strengthen accountability to and representation of voters, residents, and taxpayers.
- The Charter structure City Government so that its actions are carried out through processes that are transparent, predictable and flexible with clarity about responsibility.
- The Charter strengthens City Government's capacity to finance its operations and public improvement to position Tucson for a prosperous future.
- The Charter structure City Government to give elected and appointed officials appropriate authority, tools, and flexibility to effectively serve people that live, work, visit, or do business in Tucson.
- The Charter structure City Government to attract high quality elected and appointed officials.
- Ensure that the Charter reflects the diversity and values of our community (multi-cultural, multi-partisan, value the arts, neighborhoods, environment, businesses and people, etc.)

Questions were answered by Raphe Sonenshein.

It was moved by Ms. Dorman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Richard Miranda, Edna Meza-Aguirre, Tom Prezelski, John A. Springer, Moon Joe Yee, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused) to adopt the committee's goals.

6. **Committee Discussion of Public Comment Outreach Program**

Information and handout was provided by Chair Nye.

Questions were fielded and answered by Mike Rankin, City Attorney, and Raphe Sonenshein.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

(Ms. Rhoades departed at 5:22 p.m.; returned at 5:23 p.m.)

(Ms. Gaxiola departed at 5:32 p.m.)

7. **Presentations, Committee Deliberation, and Discussion Relating to Strengthening Executive Role in the Tucson City Charter**

Information and handout was presented by Mike Rankin, City Attorney, and Raphe Sonenshein, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Ms. Poulos, duly seconded, to defer voting on removing civil service from department directors and making all department directors at will until the next meeting, when more committee members are present.

Ms. Poulos amended her motion, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0 (Richard Miranda, Edna Meza-Aguirre, Tom Prezelski, John A. Springer, Moon Joe Yee, D. Grady Scott, and Tannya Gaxiola absent/excused) to tentatively recommend all department directors with the exception of police chief and fire chief, which the committee will revisit, would serve at will.

It was moved by Mr. Porges, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0 (Richard Miranda, Edna Meza-Aguirre, Tom Prezelski, John A. Springer, Moon Joe Yee, D. Grady Scott, and Tannya Gaxiola absent/excused) to defer the discussion of the mayoral veto to the next meeting.

8. **Presentations and Preliminary Discussion Regarding Transparency, Neighborhoods Businesses**

Information and handout was presented by Mike Rankin, City Attorney, and Raphe Sonenshein, who fielded and answered questions.

9. **Call to the Audience**

The following individual spoke at the Call to the Audience:

Mike Nicksk.

10. **Adjournment 7:04 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Charter Review Committee will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room (1st Floor), City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.